

b) a [functional device] wallet for carrying articles and information, said [functional device] wallet having at least [one wall portion] first and second walls pivotably movable at least between [first and second positions, at least one of said positions corresponding to] a closed condition of said [functional device] wallet, and [the other of said positions corresponding to] an open condition of said [functional device] wallet, said [functional device] wallet being removably positionable with respect to said at least one compartment; and

c) mutually magnetically attractable devices respectively [associated with] attached directly to a respective inner wall and said closure panel of said at least one compartment and said [functional device] first and second walls of said wallet for removably retaining said [functional device] wallet in position within said at least one compartment by magnetic attractive force, while permitting separation of said [functional device] wallet from said at least one compartment, whereby pivotable movement of said closure panel of said at least one compartment toward and away from said enclosure causes corresponding pivotable movement of at least one of said [at least one] walls [portion] of said [functional device] wallet between closed and open conditions of said [functional device] wallet, and separating at least said at least one wall [portion] of said [functional device] wallet from said compartment reduces the magnetic attractive force therebetween and permits removal of said [functional device] wallet by lifting said [functional device] wallet from said compartment.

2) (Thrice Amended). The [carrying device] handbag according to claim 1, wherein said enclosure is comprised of opposed front and rear walls, opposed side walls, and a bottom wall, said walls defining said storage space.

3) (Once Amended). The [carrying device] handbag according to claim 2, wherein said mutually magnetically attractable devices comprise [at least one] magnetic or magnetizable [device associated with at least one portion of said compartment and at least one mutually magnetically attractable device associated with at least one portion of said functional device] devices.

4) (Cancelled).

5) (Thrice Amended). The [carrying device] handbag according to claim 4, wherein said magnetically attractable devices are respectively positioned in opposed adjacent relation with each other when said [functional device] wallet is positioned within said compartment, said magnetically attractable devices for providing magnetic force for separably retaining said [functional device] wallet in said compartment.

6) (Thrice Amended). A handbag which comprises:

a) an enclosure having at least opposed front and rear walls, opposed side walls, and a bottom wall, said walls defining a storage space, said storage space defining at least one compartment having an inner wall and at least one closure panel pivotably movable toward and away from at least one of said walls between closed and open positions to close and open said compartment, respectively;

b) at least one first magnetically attractable device [associated with] attached to said closure panel; [and]

c) at least one second magnetically attractable device attached to said inner wall of said at least one compartment;

[c)]d) at least one [functional device] wallet for carrying articles or information and having at least [one wall portion] two walls pivotably movable at least between closed and open positions to close and open said [functional device] wallet, said at least [one wall portion] two walls each having [at least one second] a magnetically attractable device [associated therewith] attached thereto, said at least [one wall portion] two wall portions respectively positionable adjacent said inner wall and said closure panel and said [at least one first] first and second magnetically attractable [device associated therewith] devices attached thereto, whereby said [functional device] wallet may be separably attached to said compartment by magnetic attractive force of said first and second magnetically attractive devices, and movement of said closure panel between said closed and open positions correspondingly causes corresponding pivotable movement of at least one of said at least [one wall portion] two walls of said [functional device] wallet to move between said close and open positions, and separating [at least] said at least [one] two walls [portion] of said [functional device] wallet from said inner wall and said closure panel reduces the magnetic attractive [force] forces therebetween and permits removal of said [functional device] wallet by lifting said [functional device] wallet from said compartment.

18) (Thrice Amended). The handbag according to claim 6, wherein said [functional device] wallet renders the appearance of permanent attachment to said compartment.

7) (Thrice Amended). A handbag which comprises:

a) an enclosure having opposed front and rear walls [opposed sidewalls], a bottom wall, and side walls defining a storage space, said storage space defining a compartment having an inner wall and being accessible through at least one of said walls;

b) a closure panel associated with said at least one wall and arranged for pivotable movement toward and away from said at least one wall so as to selectively close and open said compartment;

c) at least one first magnetically attractive device [associated with] attached to said closure panel; [and]

d) at least one second magnetically attractable device attached to said inner wall of said at least one compartment; and

[d)] e) a [functional device] wallet for carrying articles or information and arranged for separable positioning within said compartment, said [functional device] wallet having at least [one wall portion] two walls pivotably movable between closed and open positions, said walls [portion] each having [associated therewith] attached thereto at least one [second] magnetically attractable device for removably attaching said [functional device] wallet within said compartment by positioning said [first and second] respective magnetically attractive devices in adjacent magnetically attractive relation with said first and second magnetically attractable devices so as to develop mutual magnetic attractive force between said [first and second] magnetically attractive devices, whereby pivotable movement of said closure panel toward and away from said at least one wall correspondingly causes [said] at least one of said walls [portion] of said [functional device] wallet to pivotably move between said closed and open positions, and separating [at least said at least one wall portion] said walls of said [functional device] wallet from said inner wall and said closure panel respectively reduces the magnetic force therebetween and permits removal of said [functional device] wallet from said compartment by lifting said [functional device] wallet therefrom.

8) (Cancelled).

9) (Once Amended). The handbag according to claim 8, wherein said [article carrying device is an organizer-type] wallet [having] includes a plurality of panels positioned therein and spaced apart from each other for separating articles.

10) (Once Amended). The handbag according to claim 9, wherein said magnetically attractable devices [include at least one] are rare earth [magnet] magnets and said opposed mutually magnetically attractable [device is a magnet or a] devices are magnets or magnetizable material capable of being magnetically attracted to said rare earth [magnet] magnets.

11) (Unchanged). The handbag according to claim 10, wherein said rare earth magnet or magnets [is a] are neodymium [magnet] magnets.

12) (Cancelled).

13) (Cancelled).

14) (Cancelled).

15) (Thrice Amended). A method of separably attaching a [functional device] wallet to a handbag, said wallet having at least two pivotably movable walls, said handbag having opposed front and rear walls, opposed side walls, said walls defining storage space, said storage space defining at least one compartment having at least one inner wall and a closure panel pivotably movable between respective positions to open and close said compartment, comprising:

a) [providing] attaching first magnetically attractive device [in association with] to said at least one closure panel of said at least one compartment;

b) attaching second magnetically attractive device to said inner wall; and

[b)] c) [providing second] attaching third and fourth respective magnetically attractive [device in association with] devices to [at least one] said pivotably movable [part] wall portions of said [functional device] wallet at [a location] locations whereby said [functional device] wallet may be separably positioned adjacent said at least one closure panel of said at least one compartment whereby said first and [second] third and said second and fourth magnetically attractive devices are respectively positioned in adjacent relation so as to develop magnetically attractive [force] forces therebetween to separably attach said [functional device] wallet to said at least one compartment, and pivotable movement of at least one of said at least [one] closure panel causes corresponding pivotable movement of said at least one pivotably movable [part of said functional device] walls of said wallet, and separating said [at least one pivotably movable part] walls of said [functional device] wallet from said compartment reduces the magnetic force therebetween and permits removal of said [functional device] wallet from said compartment by lifting said [functional device] wallet therefrom.

16) (Previously cancelled).

17) (Thrice Amended). A device for carrying articles which comprises:

a) an enclosure;

b) a wallet [or purse] for carrying articles or information, said wallet [or purse] having at least [one portion which is] two walls pivotable between closed and open positions and having a zipper-type closure, said wallet [or purse] being removably positionable within a compartment defined by said enclosure, said compartment having an inner wall and a closure panel adjacent said wallet [or purse and], said closure panel being pivotably movable between

closed and open positions respectively toward and away from said enclosure to selectively close and open said compartment; and

c) mutually [magnetically attractable] magnetic devices respectively [associated with] attached to said inner wall and said closure panel of said compartment and said [at least one pivotable portion] walls of said wallet [or purse] for retaining said wallet [or purse] in position with respect to said compartment by magnetic attractive force, whereby pivotable movement of said closure panel of said compartment between said closed and open positions causes corresponding pivotable movement of at least one of said [at least one pivotable portion] pivotable walls of said wallet [or purse] adjacent thereto, and separating said [at least one pivotable portion] pivotable wall portions of said wallet [or purse] respectively from said inner wall and said closure panel reduces the magnetic force therebetween and permits removal of said wallet [or purse] by lifting said wallet [or purse] from said compartment.

19) (Once Amended). A [device] handbag for carrying articles, which comprises:

a) an enclosure in the form of a handbag which defines at least one compartment which is accessible through a closure panel, said at least one compartment having an inner wall, said closure panel being pivotably movable toward and away from said [enclosure] inner wall;

b) a wallet [or purse] for carrying articles or information, said wallet [or purse] having at least [one wall portion] first and second walls pivotably movable at least between [first and second positions, at least one of said positions corresponding to a closed condition of said] a closed condition of said wallet [or purse], and [the other of said positions

corresponding to] an open condition of said wallet [or purse], said wallet [or purse] being removably positionable within said at least one compartment; [and]

c) [mutually] magnetically attractable devices respectively [associated with] attached to said inner wall of said at least one compartment and to said closure panel; and

d) mutually magnetically attractable devices attached to said first and second walls of said wallet [or purse] for removably retaining said wallet [or purse] in position within said at least one compartment by magnetic attractive force, while permitting separation of said wallet [or purse] from said at least one compartment, whereby pivotable movement of said closure panel of said compartment toward and away from said [enclosure] inner wall causes corresponding pivotable movement of at least one of said [at least one pivotable wall portion] first and second walls of said wallet [or purse] between closed and open conditions of said wallet [or purse], and separating said [at least one pivotable wall portion] first and second walls of said wallet [or purse] respectively from said inner wall and said closure panel of said compartment reduces the magnetic attractive force therebetween and permits removal of said wallet [or purse] by lifting said wallet [or purse] from said compartment.

20) (Once Amended). A handbag for carrying articles, which comprises:

a) an enclosure having opposed front and rear walls, a bottom wall, and side walls defining a storage space, said enclosure defining [which defines at least one] a compartment which is accessible through an opening in at least one of said walls, and through a closure panel[, said closure panel being] pivotably movable between closed and open positions respectively toward and away from said [enclosure and said at least one] at least one wall of said compartment [having a fixed wall portion], said compartment having a fixed inner wall;



b) a wallet for carrying articles, said wallet having at least two [wall portions] walls pivotably movable at least between first and second positions, at least one of said positions corresponding to a close condition of said wallet, and the other of said positions corresponding to an open condition of said wallet, said wallet being removably positionable within said at least one compartment; and

c) [mutually] magnetically attractable devices respectively [positioned on] attached to said fixed inner wall [portion] of said at least one compartment and on said closure panel and mutually magnetically attractable devices attached to [on] said at least two [wall portions] walls of said wallet for removably retaining said wallet in position within said [at least one] compartment by magnetic attractive force, while permitting separation of said wallet from said at least one compartment, whereby pivotable movement of said closure panel of said compartment toward and away from said enclosure causes corresponding pivotable movement of at least one of said [pivotable wall portions] walls of said wallet between closed and open conditions of said wallet, and separating said at least two [wall portions] walls of said wallet from said fixed inner wall of said compartment and said closure panel, respectively, reduces the magnetic attractive force therebetween and permits removal of said wallet [or purse] by lifting said wallet [or purse] from said compartment.

21. (Once Amended). The handbag according to claim 20, wherein said magnetically attractable devices and said mutually magnetically attractable devices are respectively provided in pairs, one pair of said devices being [associated with] attached to a wall [portion] of said wallet and said fixed inner wall of said compartment, and the other of said pair of devices

being [associated with the respective wall portion or closure panel of said compartment]  
attached to the other of said wall of said wallet and to said closure panel.

22. (Once Amended). The handbag according to claim 21, wherein at least one of each said pairs of mutually magnetically attractable devices is a rare earth magnet.

23. (Once Amended). The handbag according to claim 22, wherein each said pair of magnetically attractable devices and mutually magnetically attractable devices are rare earth magnets, and each said rare earth magnet is a neodymium magnet.